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REMARKS

The drawings are objected to by the Examiner, as cited in the office action. Eight sheets of corrected Figs. 1-3, 9-10, 13, 17 and 19 are attached. Applicant believe they are not required to transform Fig. 4 into more than one figure. The reference of number "20" being in Figs. 4-8 has been removed by amending the specification. The reference of number "50" has been fixed by amending the specification. The reference of number "64" is not required in Fig. 13 as the specification refers to its replacement element and not that it is in the figure. The reference of number "134" being in Fig. 22 has been removed by amending the specification. The reference of number "122" has been changed to 126 in Fig. 19. Reference numbers "10, 36, 40, 54, 76, 88, 99 and 118" have been added to the attached figures. Reference number "114" exists in Figs. 1-18.

The specification is objected to by the Examiner, as cited in the office action. The specification has been amended to overcome the Examiner's objection.

Claims 2, 14 and 21 have been amended to overcome the Examiner's objections.

The Examiner has rejected claim 17 under 35 USC §112 and claim 17 has been amended to overcome the rejection.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-4, 11-12 and 22-24 under 35 USC §103(a) for the reasons cited in the office action. Claim 4 is cancelled and claim 1 has been amended to overcome the rejection of claims 1-4, 11-12 and 22-24.

The elements of claim 4 have been added to claim 1 with the addition of the limitation of the skid plate contacting a surface, making claim 1 allowable and therefore all claims which depend from claim 1 allowable. Nowhere is it taught or even suggested in any of the references to have a skid plate as claimed in amended claim 1 which directly contacts the surface it is being moved upon.

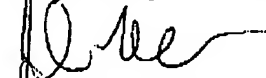
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Claim 5 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 1 and 4, as suggested by the Examiner. Claim 13 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 1, as suggested by the Examiner.

In view of the aforementioned remarks and amendments, it is believed that claims 1-3 and 5-27 are in condition for allowance and allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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